

## Amusements

## POLIS

"California," the famous Jesse L. Lasky production, is proving more popular than ever at Polis, the first half of this week, where it heads an excellent bill of vaudeville and photoplays. "California" is a beautiful song story of the Golden West, telling an interesting tale of early life on the coast. A big company of talented stage artists, and the production is lavishly mounted from a scenic standpoint.

"A Royal Family" is the five-part feature photoplay which marks the premier in filmdom of Ann Murdock, the noted Broadway star. Miss Murdock has an interesting part in this beautiful play and is supported by an adequate cast.

Other attractive features of the program presented for the last time tonight, are Lulu Sutton and company, in a comedy playlet, "Her First Case," Autumn Fall, the violin virtuoso, "Four Haley Sisters," the best female quartet heard here, and the Richard Brothers, astounding acrobats.

## PLAZA

"The Big Surprise," one of vaudeville's cleverest novelties in the hands of eight talented young people, including several strikingly pretty young women, is being presented at the Plaza's vaudeville program for the first half of the current week, with final performances today.

The act is a lively musical comedy, worked up in the original manner and is meeting with popular approval at every performance.

"The Soap Salesman," a funny singing and talking act put on by Ed and Dorothy Hayes, is creating much favorable comment.

The Yoshino Five, positively the most sensational Japanese acrobatic and balancing act in the country is scoring heavily at every performance. Newton and Marsh have a splendid singing and dancing fantasy. The dancing part of the act is probably the most pleasing for there is more of it and it embraces many forms of the art.

"The Climbers," a five part film version of Clyde Fitch's dramatic story of finance and high society is a popular attraction. The picture preaches a powerful sermon and is superbly acted.

Charles Chaplin in "The Face on the Barroom Floor" and "The Mighty Hold" compose the bill.

## EMPIRE

"The Garden of Lies," the first of the Broadway Universal Masterpieces, will lead the all-feature program offered by the management tomorrow.

The management has secured first-run rights to all the Broadway Universal Masterpieces, one of which will be featured on every Thursday.

"The Garden of Lies," introduced by Jane Cawley for the first time as a screen star and who is supported by William Russell and an all-star select cast of leading players.

"The Broken Coin," episode No. 8, heads the all-feature program offered today. Grace Farrow and Francis Ford, two of Hollywood's most popular stars, are featured. The serial is without a doubt the peer of them all.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

Miss Frances A. Baptiste of the City National Bank, Miss Dorothy Hayes, and Miss Dorothy Hayes, are enjoying a two weeks vacation in the Berkshires stopping at Pittsfield, Mass., and Bennington, Vt.

William R. Baptiste, Russell Moorman and Walter Eastwood, who have been visiting in the Berkshires for two weeks in the Berkshires Hills have returned home and report a most delightful time.

**Heredity Plays Big Part in Temperament, Noted Expert Claims**

The August number of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences contains an article on the Inheritance of Temperament, by Dr. C. B. Davenport, of the Station for Experimental Evolution, Carnegie Institution, Washington, in which he has disclosed the results of statistical study into the cases of 89 carefully described family histories.

Temperament is hereditary and as little alterable as stature, says Dr. Davenport, in asking to explain the great diversity in temperament he makes the hypothesis that there are involved in the inheritance of temperament two factors; one which induces more or less periodic excitability and which absence results in calmness, another which makes for normal cheerfulness and whose absence permits more or less periodic depression, these factors being inherited independently and occurring in any combination. Persons may be divided into calm, nervous, or choleric, according to their degree of excitability, and into cheerful, phlegmatic, and melancholic according to their degree of cheerfulness or its opposite. The statistical study of the 89 cases, therefore, shows three classes of temperament formed by combining these two classes, namely, choleric-cheerful, choleric-phlegmatic, choleric-melancholic, nervous-cheerful, nervous-phlegmatic, and so on. The statistical study of the 89 cases fully described family histories seems to bear out Dr. Davenport's hypothesis, because the indifferent classes of temperament actually occur with about the relative frequencies which would be expected from the hypothesis and the usual laws of inheritance.

Five persons were injured when an automobile driven by Martin Bonnell, a Philadelphia policeman, broke an axle near Camden, N. J.

The French Commission of Commercial Relations, headed by M. Baudin, arrived at Bordeaux, France, at 10:30 p. m. from Latin America.

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## COMMANDMENTS OF WAREFARE IN CAMP NEWSPAPER

Berlin, Aug. 18.—Of the numerous "war newspapers" that have made their appearance in camps, barracks and headquarters on the various battle fronts, none has been more successful than the "Liller Kriegszeitung," published in Lille, France, the headquarters of the Sixth army under command of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria. Success is due largely to the personality of its editors, Capt. Paul Oskar Hoyer and Baron von Ompteda, two well known German authors.

After 40 weeks of publication, the editors have selected the best from the 40 issues and have put it out in book form.

The little book is jammed with poetry and prose, with clever illustrations and sketches and excellent photographs, all of which have appeared in enlarged shape, in the "Liller Kriegszeitung."

One characteristic article is "The Ten Commandments of the War," by Dr. Karl Wolff, as follows:

"This is the war, my people, that has torn you out of comfort and quiet, but also out of sleepiness, doubt and over-eating."

"Thou shalt have no other thought than the war. For its effects will be felt unto the third and fourth generation; if we weaken, but it can bring blessings unto the tenth generation if we conquer and found the revived without German principles."

"Thou shalt not take the name of this terrible war in vain, neither in rough jest nor by anything unworthy in picture or words."

"Remember the peace in thy soul, that this confidence may inspire thee when you serve the present and destroy its fearful works. For the future is as a feast day of thy people, an asylum of industry, and joy, for thee and thine, for all who endeavor, even for the stranger who dwells within the gates."

"Honor thy father and mother, by guarding the home and the ground they rest in."

"Thou shalt kill—for the sake of your life, which emanates from destruction."

"Thou shalt let nothing be stolen that belongs to thy people."

"Thou shalt honor Germany's women; they bear sacrifices and sufferings, and they are the backbone of the nation."

"Thou shalt not tolerate false witness against thy people."

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's customs, good and bad, manner of speech and dress, nor anything that is alien to German principles. But let German spirit in future go out to the world, strong through development, powerful in understanding, together the best of all peoples for use at home."

And in the same issue appeared one of the favorite acrostics headed by the question:

What has England and what have her Allies to expect from their opponents?

The answer is:  
O uerkel  
E sterreich  
D eutschland

The three initial letters, T. O. D., make the German word "death."

The second German war loan of 2,000,000,000 marks was so large as to be incomprehensible to the average soldier, so one of them proceeded to make it intelligible by translating it into glasses of beer. Even then the number was staggering.

Estimating each glass at 20 pfennigs, or one-fifth of a mark, the industrious figure achieved 45,300,000 glasses of beer. A war strength company of 250 men, drinking a glass of beer apiece each quarter of an hour day and night, would have to keep up drinking beer for 1,887,500 days, or 5,171 years, 85 days, in order to drink up the war loan.

**Looters Are Used To Help Grafting**

Peking, Aug. 18.—An interesting story of corruption existing in one of the provincial governments of China is told in an official communication to the Central Government from the acting Governor of Szechwan.

The governor states that the magistrate of Chintang-hsien, with the object of reporting falsely that the government treasury had been looted by the rebels, opened his city gates to welcome the "Tufel" (outlaws).

The report continues: "The 'Tufel' were then allowed to come into the city to loot the shops of the merchants and traders, causing a great panic. Thus the magistrate was enabled to submit a false statement of the loss of the official funds. It has also been found that the magistrate was known to be an avaricious and cruel man, and had murdered a person named Liang Kuang-hua. When confronted by the parties concerned he confessed to all his crimes."

**Turks To Study German Society**

Constantinople, Aug. 18.—Halil Sia Bey, former head of the Sultan's chancellery cabinet, professor of occidental literature and history at the University of Constantinople and well known as a poet, has been commissioned by the Turkish government to make an extended trip through Germany to study the spiritual, artistic, economical and social life of the empire.

In his quest he will visit all the principal German cities and devote particular attention to German culture. His trip will have, however, no political significance for he will not concern himself with questions of the day. His impressions will be recorded both serially and in book form on his return, through the Turkish ministry of education.

**Aerial Playground For Oakland Bankers Provides Recreation**

Oakland, Cal. Aug. 18.—To add figures properly, a man must eat properly. The ideal bank clerk must mix recreation with his statistics. Baseball, in moderation, is first aid to calculation of interest. An hour on a roof garden makes several hours of more efficient service. These are facts discovered by officers of the Oakland Bank of Savings. They constitute the reason for Oakland's aerial playground.

ground. Oakland has a roof garden and athletic field several hundred feet in the air and right in the heart of the city. It can't be seen from below—the battlements of a high bank building hide it—and one can't even hear, from the rumbling streets, the sounds of merriment that accompany baseball games or target practice high in the air.

Only bank clerks know of the aerial playground, for it's theirs, and no outsiders are allowed to participate in their sports on the roof. They dine there, a little cafe being situated at one of the corners of the playground, and a long shooting gallery is another attraction.

The novel aerial playground is situated on the top of the Oakland Bank of Savings building. It is owned and supported by a bank clerk's club.

When the noon hour comes, the clerks and officers take the elevator rise nine floors and climb a short flight of stairs—and Oakland has disappeared. They are no longer in the city. All they can see is blue sky, dimly as if through a misty veil, and the streets—but all they see is four walls like garden walls, their rustic cafe, and all the galleries and baseball diamond.

They usually enjoy a ball game or a little target practice, and when the noon hour is over return to their duties refreshed and with increased efficiency.

**American Negroes Show Aptitude For Business**

While the black men of Haiti have not given the world a very illuminating example of the capacity of the negro for self-government, in view of the present devastating struggle in Europe it behooves the white race to sing small about his superior culture and civilization. Looking the matter over, up one side and down the other, the Caucasian hasn't much to brag about. Ignoring their blood-thirsty cousins of the West Indies, and the recent downfall of Jack Johnson, the Americans of Africa, incidentally may be pardoned the indulgence of a little pride in the accomplishments of their race while celebrating the founding of the Negro Business League. In the half-century which has passed since the termination of the civil war, which placed new responsibilities upon the negro, as well as giving him greater liberty, the progress of the race in commerce, industry and education has been slow but sure. In entering the business world the black man has been handicapped by many difficulties and problems peculiar to his race, but the statistics collected by the Negro Business League show that the last decade and a half has been a period of great progress.

The number of business enterprises conducted by negroes of the United States in 1900 was estimated at 20,000. In fifteen years the figure has more than doubled, and it is declared that there are now 45,000 business houses controlled by persons of African descent. The black man has become a financier as well as a business man, as evidenced by the fact that there are now fifty-one negro banking institutions in the United States, whereas there were but two in 1900.

While it is admitted that some of these institutions are but tin can banks, and none too stable, many of the negro banks are rich and powerful, and as sound as any similar institutions operated by Caucasians.

The number of drug stores owned by negroes has increased in fifteen years from 250 to 695. In this circumstance the Christian Scientist will probably see the reason for the great increase in negro undertakers, who now number more than a thousand, as compared with 450 in 1900. The retail stores of all kinds owned by negroes are now about 25,000 in number, as compared with 10,000, while negro wholesale establishments have increased from 149 to 240.

The explanation of this great increase in business is to be found in the increased prosperity of the negro farmer. It is upon the farmer that the negro business man largely depends for his prosperity, since the negroes of the cities and towns are usually poor and have a comparatively small purchasing power. In ten years the agricultural property of the negroes of the United States has increased in value from \$177,404,688 to \$492,892,218—a truly remarkable gain. The value of land and buildings alone increased from \$69,636,420 to \$273,501,665, or 293 per cent. The value of domestic animals owned by negroes more than doubled in a decade. Strange to say, in view of the proverbial fondness of the negro for chicken—the smallest percentage of increase was in poultry, the value of which increased only 36 per cent. Statistics as to watermelons are not available, but it is safe to say that the negro farmers have not neglected that crop.

Viewing these figures, the black brethren may view with complacency the eclipse of the valorous Mr. Johnson.

**TURKEY HOLDING UP SAILING OF ITALIANS**

Rome, Aug. 17, via Paris, Aug. 18.—Turkey, according to a Bucharest despatch to the Giornale d'Italia has recalled permission for the departure of Italian a large number of whom including 700 reservists are waiting to sail at Jaffa, Beirut, Mersina, Alexandria and Smyrna.

The Giornale says the news is confirmed in authoritative circles and it further learns from a reliable private source that Turkey is continuing to send arms, money and proclamations to Libya, with the object of provoking a native rebellion against Italy. The paper concludes:

"The cup is full. We have serious reasons to believe the government will take energetic action toward the Porte to end these violent proceedings which Italy cannot tolerate."

**Richards May Not Return to Cornell**

Ithaca, N. Y., Aug. 18.—According to a letter received at Ithaca today, Alvin Richards, the Olympic champion high jumper, winner of the decathlon at the National championships in San Francisco, may not return to Cornell this fall. Richards writes that he regrets deeply that he may be unable to return, but he says he lacks the money to complete his college education. He is now with his family in Utah. In the last intercollegiate games Richards scored for Cornell in the high jump, shotput and broad jump.

A large seal was seen in the Delaware river near Harmony, N. J.

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## Championship Matches Were Easily Made in Old Days

To arrange a championship match in these days is a matter of much deliberation and ostentation. The managers and press agents of champion and challenger are busy for months before the great event. Finally, when the publicity promoters decide that the newspapers have been worked to the limit, and the promoter has been held up for the last possible cent, there is a meeting of principals and a swarm of hangers-on and the articles are signed, the checks posted and duly photographed, moving pictures are taken of the scene of the crime, and the match is clinched.

Then follows another lengthy period of training camp gossip, and eventually, perhaps, the men actually meeting in the ring.

It is refreshing to compare old time methods with those now in vogue, and to do so let us go back just 113 years to August 19, 1802. Jem Belcher is the heavyweight champion of Great Britain, and although only twenty years old, he has already demonstrated that he is one of the greatest fighting men the world has ever seen.

"Napoleon of the ring" has whipped Jack Brisco, Edinboro, Pa., John Barlow, and Andrew Gamble, and has twice licked Joe Berks. He has no other matches in sight, so he is taking things easy, and on the day in question is enjoying himself at Camberwell Fair.

Young Belcher, still a boy at heart, is having much innocent fun, and is enjoying to the full the worship of the populace. What strolling about the fair he comes upon a little crowd of men listening to the harangue of a man whom Jem recognized as Joe Berks, the big butcher pugilist he had twice fought and defeated. Berks had been drinking and he was loudly asserting that he could and would thrash Belcher at the first opportunity.

Jem pushes his way through the crowd, and facing Berks, asks him what he means. "I'm a man as says what he means," shouts the half-tipsy Berks, "and to prove that I'm not bragging for nowt I'll fight you here and now."

Now, although Jem Belcher is champion, he is not inclined to let such a challenge pass, and the men and their followers adjourn immediately to the bowling green back of the Cook Tavern and prepare to have it out. The news spread quickly and a big crowd rushes to the tavern. Jem and Joe peel off their coats and rush at each other, Jem landing a blow to the face and follows it with another to the ear, and Berks goes down. There is a great hub-bub, and Joe's friends insist that he is too drunk to fight and demand a postponement to the following day. Belcher consents, and on the next day Joe Berks, now quite sober, faces Belcher in the ring to fight for the championship. Jem has everything to lose and a great deal to gain, but he is a fighting man and not a financier, and he is perfectly willing to fight "for loye," although a few sporting men voluntarily raise a small purse.

Joe Berks adopts his usual rushing tactics, and several times the champion goes down, but by the tenth round Joe is so badly battered that he is ready to cry enough, except that his second stuffs a handkerchief in his mouth to stop his utterance. In the fourteenth chapter Berks is unable to get up, and Jem Belcher is still champion of England, and the fight is over by virtue of the magnificent sum of \$150!

**MORE COURT HOUSE BASEBALL**

Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 8.—An additional order preventing the Pittsburgh Federal League club from disposing of its franchise to the Indianapolis American Association club, was granted by Judge Ambrose B. Reid in Common Pleas Court here yesterday.

The order restrains the club from selling, trading, hiring out, farming, or otherwise disposing of Burk's services. It was intimated in court that this action was taken to forestall an attempt to send Burk to the Federal League or to some independent team during the remainder of the season. An injunction restraining Burk was granted on Aug. 3 by Judge Reid.

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